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Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.B.,etc.,etc.,
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Canada.

My dear Sir Robert:-

You will be pleased to hear that the Canadians residing in Shanghai, have formed a Canadian Association. The object of this is to foster good fellowship between the different Canadians in the east, and to further in every possible way the interests of our country. At one of the earliest meetings, the subject of Chinese Students going to Canada was mooted, and a history of previous efforts was given. Bishop White of the Canadian Anglican Church was present, and the meeting asked him to use his influence on this matter during his visit home.

I do not know how we are to secure Chinese students for Canada, but the question of the indemnity is not yet decided. The British people here have formed a Committee to promote the sending of students to England in any event. Even if they do not get the indemnity for the purpose, they hope to send more students to England than ever. As to Canada, one greatly desiderates the coming of many Chinese students, and I suppose some way may be found to finance them. I hear the English Universities are granting Scholarships to Chinese Students, so as to induce them to go there for their education. I thought I would tell you the above facts, so as to keep you in touch with what we are doing and thinking here in Shanghai.

My daughter sends glowing accounts of college life, and she appears to be getting more out of it than I did when I was a student.

With kind regards to Mrs. Falconer, and your good self, I remain,

Yours cordially,

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Dr. D. McGillivray,
143 North Szechuen Road,
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Dear Dr. McGillivray:

I am glad to hear from you and to know that the Canadians in Shanghai have formed a Canadian Association. At present I do not see how we can arrange for scholarships for Chinese students. I have had great difficulty in securing a few graduate fellowships for students from our Western Universities, and there seems to be a reluctance on the part of men with money to give it away. Apparently they do not feel that the economic conditions are sufficiently stable for them to make any ventures. However, I shall always be glad to hear from you and if you make a definite proposition I might then be able to take it up with our Board of Governors and see whether it is possible to do anything.

It looks to me, however, that it may be necessary for us to limit the number of students in Medicine. There is such an enormous rush into this Faculty and our clinical facilities are so limited that we may have to give the first chance to those who belong to the Province of Ontario. Possibly the difficulty may be overcome by raising entrance standards, and personally I should regret very much if it became necessary to confine students in medicine to the Province of Ontario. Medicine is of course a peculiar faculty in the sense that we have to give instruction with material of which there is not a growing quantity now that the economic conditions of the country are improving so much.

I am glad to know that your daughter is enjoying her life so much in the University, and I am only sorry that owing to the immense and complicated organisation I see so little of the students. Next year I will try to see something of her. With kindest regards in which I know my wife would join if she were here.

Yours sincerely,

President.